

Question on notice no. 2

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Finance and Public Administration Committee, Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Senator the Hon. Penny Wong: asked the Australian Public Service Commission on 26 February 2018—

Senator WONG: Yes. First, are you prepared to do a search through your Outlook email just for the word 'IPA', and provide the committee with the subject matters of those emails?

Mr Lloyd: We'd taken that on notice last time

Senator WONG: No, I'm asking you now: are you prepared to do that?

Mr Lloyd: I'll take it on notice. Again, I'll talk to Ms Page and determine what's involved, and what time you want it over. One thing that is a constant here

Senator WONG: Are you prepared to?

Mr Lloyd: is that the contact with the IPA, I must say, is very irregular and very rare.

Senator WONG: Well, then it won't take long, will it?

Mr Lloyd: You've asked for 18 months, going back

Senator WONG: Just hang on a sec. You can't have it both ways, Mr Lloyd. You can't say on the one hand it is an unreasonable diversion of resources, but then on the other hand tell this committee, 'Actually, it is pretty irregular so there's not much.' They're inconsistent positions.

Mr Lloyd: No, they're not, with all due respect.

Senator WONG: I'm not particularly great on the computer but I can type into a search function and press search.

Mr Lloyd: I can do that, but it only goes back a very short time.

Senator WONG: I am sure you can accessMs Page says your archiving search functions is now fixedI'm sure you can do that, too. I'm asking you a simple conceptual question: are you prepared to provide a list of the emails?

Mr Lloyd: We will take that on notice. I will get advice about the extent to which we have to go back and the time you're after

Answer —

One email was identified containing the word IPA during the period 26 August 2016 – 25 February 2018.

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